BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary reported to the House that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

The Trivandrum City Municipal Bill.
The Travancore Jenmi Kudiyan Act (Amendment) Bill.
The Travancore Debt Relief Bill,

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: Under Rule 3 (1) of the Legislative Rules I nominate Messrs. James Fletcher and Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi to be the panel of chairmen for this session of the Council.

MOTION TO FELICITATE SACHIVOTTAMA SIR C. P. RAMASWAMI AIYAR ON THE CONFERMENT ON HIM OF THE TITLE OF K. C. S. I.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, I beg to move the following motion :

> **" This Council tenders its hearty and respectful felicitations to Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. I E., LL. D, the President of the Council on the conferment of the title K. C. S. I. on him by His Majesty, the King Emperor. "**

With considerable pleasure and satisfaction, and without any fear of contradiction, it can truly be said that it was never given to any administrator in the annals of Travancore to enjoy this rare title while holding the reins of Government of this beautiful country. And coming as it does at this juncture, when the British Empire to which the fortunes of this country are indissolubly linked, is passing through a crisis, the like of which the world has never before witnessed, makes it more enjoyable, valuable and appreciable in as much as it is a recognition that the services under His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore are equally valued as services in provinces under the direct control and governance of the agents of his Imperial Majesty. It may also be regarded as the recognition of the whole-hearted support and loyal adherance of the Government of Travancore to the great cause represented by His Majesty's Government. None the less, it is at the same time a recognition of your eminent personal services in British India in the past and in Travancore at present. Sir, with your rare talents—

President: I would request the honourable member to be brief in the nature of things.

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Mr. K. M. Kesavan : Yes, Sir, I shall be very brief. Sir, with your rare talents, deep erudition, untiring energy, unflinching determination, robust optimism, far-sightedness in constructive statesmanship, persuasive and convincing eloquence, in short, by your verbatile genius you have made a wonderful record of achievements surpassed by none and rarely equalled by any in modern India. To mention a few out of many, the Mettur, Pykara, Bhavani and the harbour schemes, the glorious temple entry reform and the University of Travancore, bear ample testimony to the eminence of your statesmanship. Sir, let me lay particular stress on one point that you adverted to in the other House, that is, that your relationship with your chief in Madras and your Royal Master here has been one of utmost intimacy and cordiality. It cannot be otherwise. For, breathes there a master who will not open his heart without any reservation to one who is possessed of such wonderful combination of talents and gifts as your steadtast and sincere loyalty and intellectual brilliance ? "What you see you will find and what you desire you will attain " is a truism in religion. His Highness the Maharaja, our beloved and great sovereign, in his intense and earnest desire to make His subjects happy and to develop the immense potentialities of this State, has found you out even as the great saint of Dekshinaswar (Sree Ramakrishna Parama Hamsa) picked out Swami Vivekananda to preach his religion to the world. Therefore your holding this office under His Highness is not a curious coincidence of nature but a necessary concomitant of your mutual understanding and appreciation of each other. It is, I believe as the result of this mutual appreciation, nay admiration, that you have found it possible to keep your great spirit within the limits of this beloved land of ours.

Sir, the conferment on you of this rare and unique title is an honour to our Gracious Sovereign, our country and to this legislature in particular of which you are the President and we are the members. We feel proud to sit in this House with you and to hold deliberations with you in our own humble way. In fine, let me pray God Almighty to fervently vouchsafe to you long life and robust health so that as you have been doing you may guide and govern us, lead us from success to success and glory to glory in the onward march of progress and civilisation. With these observations I commend this resolution for the acceptance of this honourable House.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*) : Sir, I rise to second the motion moved by my honourable friend. It has been said that two of the most priceless things

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in life are freedom and privacy which the Dewan of Travancore fortunately or unfortunately is not destined to have. He is a part of the state and we can no more be indifferent to the honour conferred on the Dewan of Travancore than we can be indifferent to the honour of the State. I realise, Sir, that it is difficult to endure praise administered to the face. I have seen how you quailed to the face in the glare of it. It is a very hard lot to listen to praise but it cannot be avoided because we consider, Sir, that you are a public institution (laughter) and as such it is a necessary concomitant that this should be endured. While we express our joy at the conferment of this title though we address it personally to you, it must be taken that we are giving vent to our feelings of joy and pride at the honour conferred on the Dewan of the State and so incidentally to the state which is in personal. It is not necessary for me to advert to your personal qualities or the accompanying circumstances that made this distinction conferred on you to be greeted with so much joy by the whole country. As you have very rightly pointed out elsewhere this honour, coming as it does at this time and to one who labours for the advancement of that part of India called Indian State, it is a recognition that services in an Indian State is also valued as worthy as services rendered in any part of British India. That is a great recognition and I take it that recognition carries with it the recognition that in future the States will have an equal position with other units which constitute India. We are proud of that. The whole country rejoices at this singular distinction conferred on you and we feel proud that the services rendered by an administrator of rare talents at the head of an Indian State of the position of Travancore are considered as significant and important, as the highest service rendered in any part of the Empire. With these few words, I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr. M. Govindan: Sir, I have great pleasure in joining my friend in expressing our joy at the honour that has been conferred on you. Among New Year Honours it was not usual in recent times to give a fair share to Travancore. I may almost say that Travancore was ignored in recent times. But your presence here made it impossible for the State to be ignored on this occasion. The great services that you have rendered both in Travancore and elsewhere are so well known that I do not propose to go into details. You have earned a distinction and more than that, is my firm conviction. My prayer is that you may live long in health and happiness to earn more distinctions. With these words I join my friends in cogratulating you on the well-earned honour.

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Sahib Bahadur Hajee Hassan Yacoob Sait (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : സർ, നമ്മുടെ കരുണാനിധിയും പ്രജാവത്സലനുമായ പൊന്നുതമ്പുരാൻ തിരുമനസ്സിലെ മന്ത്രിപുംഗവനായ സചിവോത്തമ സർ. സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമിഅയ്യർ അവർകൾ സാമ്രാജ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതും ചെയ്യുന്നതുമായ നിസ്വാർത്ഥവും മഹനീയവുമായ സേവനങ്ങളെ പരിഗണിച്ചു അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു കെ. സി. എസ്. ഐ. എന്ന ബഹുമതി ചക്രവർത്തിതിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു കല്പിച്ചനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നതിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ ഞാൻ ഹാർദ്ദമായി അനുമോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹം ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ ദിവാൻജിയായി പ്രശോഭിക്കയും പരിലസിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്ന ഒരവസരത്തിൽ ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഈ സ്ഥാനം തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരായ നമുക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും അഭിമാനകരംതന്നെയാണ്. ഒരു അരനൂറ്റാണ്ടിനിപ്പുറത്തു ഇൻഡ്യയിലെ ഒരു നാട്ടുരാജ്യത്തിലെ ഭരണമേധാവിയ്ക്കും ഇപ്രകാരമുള്ള അസാധാരണ ബഹുമതി കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ളതായി എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. നമ്മുടെ ദിവാൻജിക്കു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ളതായ ഈ നേട്ടം തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരായ നമ്മുടെ ഒരു നേട്ടമാണെന്ന ന്യായമായി നമുക്കു അഭിമാനിക്കാവുന്നതാണു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ ഐശ്വര്യത്തേയും പ്രജാസഞ്ചയത്തിന്റെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിയേയും മുൻനിറുത്തി സുധീരമായ പല പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളും നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന അവിടത്തേയ്ക്കു അനേകം ബഹുമതികൾ ഇനിയും ലഭിക്കുന്നതിനും, ദീർഘകാലം ഇവിടത്തെ ദിവാൻപദം അലങ്കരിക്കുന്നതിനും, ആയുരാരോഗ്യസമ്പന്നനായി ചിരകാലം നമ്മെ ഭരിക്കുന്നതിനും സർവ്വശക്തനായ ദൈവം സഹായിക്കട്ടെ.

Mrs. Abernam Gnanasikamony (*Nominated*) : Sir, in supporting the motion I very eagerly put in my humble, but heartfelt and sincere mite in co-operation with the previous speakers. I boldly assert that the right has come to the rightful and the 'star' is rightly called so. Anyone passing through the tunnel of the Mettur Dam closely listening to the explanations given by the guide regarding all its details cannot but be struck with the thought that the dam is the reflection of the magnificence of a starry brain. It has been a strange coincidence, that I had the opportunity of testifying to this fact on the 1st of January 1941, a memorable date in the history of Travancore. We, Travancoreans are also fortunate in being able to share the light of this star in so many ways. No time and no words to enumerate them. Our esteemed star has shone through our hearts in all his glory. The hungry and thirsty, the depressed and the backward have all

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felt his radiance and rejoiced. Sir, you have been our guiding star in the Assembly, in the Council, on the hills, in the ports, in the factories and everywhere, throughout the length and breadth of this State. Our hearty congratulations to you, Sir, our most benevolent Dewan on this rare distinction rightly bestowed on you, and I wish you, all Godspeed in future also.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvila (*Mavelikara and Thiruvella* cum *Pattanamthitta*) : It is very seldom that I take advantage of opportunities like this because I feel that there are other honourable members in this House who can put my ideas in better and more appropriate language. But it is seldom that a member of this House gets the chance to speak on an occasion like this during his period of service in the Council. I beg therefore, to speak a few words. I assure the President that I do not propose to repeat what has already been said.

If I remember a right, it was about ten years ago, when you came to Travancore to help His Highness in His Highness's work at a function, you, Sir, stated that that was not the time when a judgment should be passed on your work but that it should be preserved for another time. It seems to me that ten years of service in a State is a sufficiently long period for an intelligent man to understand and to follow your policy and your administration. After this ten years' service, recognition has come from the King-Emperor, who, I believe, takes a watchful care of the Indian States and gets information about Indian States through His Majesty's representative, the Viceroy. The conferment of this title, it seems to me, indicates the recognition by that Government of your work in this State. But there is another recognition which is necessary to my mind, to a statesman and administrator of your ability and position, that is, the recognition by the public of Travancore especially when you are in Travancore. That recognition by the public and by me personally has been receiving increased attention recently through the release of the defence in the Chengannoor riot case, through the release of political prisoners and I believe that such acts of kindness which His Highness does through you will be extended still further to the political prisoners who are still in jails and also to those labourers in Alleppey who stand prosecution at the present time.

But I want to say that, more than all these, as you have already expressed your regard for the poor people, the condition of our poor people should receive your immediate and kindly attention. I myself was in Shertalla last Sunday and I have travelled through some parts of Karthigapally and Karunagapally taluks also. I have gone to some villages to which very few people, even

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[Mr. K. K.Kuruvila.]

Mr. Kesavan, have not gone. I walked from place to place and I have observed that no people in the world would work from 7 A. M. till 5 P. M. for one chuckram. Such instances may occur in China. But I shall point out through statistics that in Karunagapally, Karthigapally and Shertalla taluks there are people who work from 7 A. M. till 5 P. M. for one or two chuckrams a day. I believe that the recognition of your service will be increasingly realised as you go on in this work of charity. As I close, as a Christian man I want to quote rather imperfectly of a Great Christian Scholar who at the time of this pronouncement was about 60.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day" and I may add "I shall live in the minds of those people among whom I have lived and for whom I have worked, especially of the suffering thousands in Travancore."

While associating myself with all my friends who have congratulated you on the conferment of this title, I pray that you will be spared long to work for the betterment of the people of this country and to continue to live long in the hearts and minds of its people.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I also second the motion of my friend Mr. Kesavan. Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai referred to the fact that it was embarrassing for the recipient of the honour to be praised. It is equally embarrassing to the person who felicitates also to speak praise to one's face as it is embarrassing to speak unpleasant things to one's face. It is a very great honour conferred on the legislature that its president should be given this very high honour. I believe as a loyal Travancorean that there is some causal relationship between the Travancore soil and the honour conferred on the president because I remember it was about 18 years ago when the Dewan President came here in his capacity as an advocate that for the first time the King Emperor was pleased to confer on you the title of C. I. E. Apart from the intelligence, abilities and talents of the recipient, I think it is because he has worked amongst a set of good and able people like Travancoreans that this honour came to him from His Majesty the King Emperor. We, all of us are full of joy that this great honour is conferred upon him. With these words I again felicitate him on this great honour.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): I have great pleasure in supporting this motion. In doing so I endorse all the sentiments expressed by the

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previous speakers. I think I am not wrong when I say that this honour was not conferred on any other Indian for nearly 50 years and more. I am also not wrong when I say that this distinction is set apart for Maharajas and Chiefs, and that such a high distinction is conferred on you is sufficient evidence of the high esteem in which you are regarded by Our Gracious Majesty the King Emperor. You may not object when I say that you are a Travancorean although you are born elsewhere since you have identified yourself with the people of Travancore in various ways. In that respect, this distinction is one that is conferred upon a subject of Travancore and I have much pleasure in supporting the resolution. I pray God that you may be crowned with success, health and prosperity in all your endeavours.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): I have great pleasure in supporting the motion before the House. As my friends have stated, the very high honour conferred on you is unique in the annals of Travancore or any other Indian State, and we have got every reason to be proud of it. As Mr. Narayana Aiyar said, it is an honour conferred on us and we take this opportunity to express our humble gratitude to His Majesty the King Emperor. Sir, you are one of India's greatest sons, one of the most renowned and distinguished of her sons and you stand forth today as the noblest and purest embodiment of Indian versatility, originality and capacity. My friends have alluded to your untiring energy, capacity and intellectual resources and attainments. They have referred to your great services both in Travancore and outside in your capacity as an official and a non-official. I do not want to repeat what my friends have said. You are extremely generous and kind hearted. You are a friend of the poor and a champion of the agriculturists. Among the momentous and benevolent of your measures, I will be failing in my duty if I do not refer to your action in the matter of reduction of land tax in Nanjinad. It was a burning question with the ryots of Nanjinad that they have been burdened with heavy and excessive taxation. This question was being agitated for the last 40 years. But no Dewan had the boldness to deal with the question not because they were not convinced of the justice of the complaint but because they were terrified by the financial implications. But you were not the man to be deterred by such financial implications. When the matter was brought to your attention, when you saw that the cause of the poor ryots was just, you immediately and boldly took up the question and by one stroke of the pen ordered reduction of the land tax by 20 per cent. This benevolent measure will always be cherished in the hearts of the people of Nanjinad and in the name of Nanjinad we pray God that he may bless you with long life and prosperity.

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Mr. E. K. Kuripe (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : സർ, സചിവോത്തമ സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമി അയ്യർ അവർകൾക്ക ബ്രിട്ടീഷ് ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും കെ. സി. എസ്. ഐ. എന്ന സ്ഥാനം ലഭിച്ചതിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ അനുമോദിക്കുന്നതിനായി രാജ്യത്തിൻെറ നാനാഭാഗങ്ങളിലും ഈ ചുരുങ്ങിയ കാലത്തിനുള്ളിൽതന്നെ അനവധിയോഗങ്ങൾ നടന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞു. ഈ യോഗങ്ങളിൽ ചിലതിൽ എനിക്കും പങ്കുകൊള്ളാൻ സാധിച്ചു; ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ എന്നെ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനായി തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നതിനും ഇടയായി. ഈ യോഗങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം ജനങ്ങൾ പ്രധാനമായി സ്പഷ്ടമാക്കിയത് സചിവോത്തമ സർ സി. പി. രാമസ്വാമിഅയ്യർ അവർകൾ ജീവിതകാലം മുഴുവനും ഇവിടത്തെ ദിവാൻജിയായി ഇരിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള അഭിലാഷമായിരുന്നു. മുപ്പതു വയസ്സായ ഒരാളിൽ കാണുന്ന ഊർജ്ജസ്വലതയാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽ കാണുന്നത്. അതു കൊണ്ട് ഒരു മുപ്പതു വർഷംകൂടി ഇതേപ്രകാരത്തിൽ ജോലിചെയ്യാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തിനുകഴിയും എന്നു ന്യായമായി പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കാം. നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തിനും ജനങ്ങൾക്കും വേണ്ടി ജീവിതം മുഴുവൻ അർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ആ പൊന്നോമന വിഗ്രഹം—അതേ ശ്രീചിത്തിരതിരുനാൾ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ട് അദ്ദേഹത്തിൻെറ അഭീഷ്ടങ്ങൾ അക്ഷരംപ്രതി നിറവേറുന്നതിനായി പ്രാപ്തനായ ഒരു മന്ത്രിയെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുകയും ഈ പ്രശസ്തമായ ഭരണത്തിനിടയ്ക്ക് ഈ സ്ഥാനമാനം ലഭിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തതിൽ തിരുമനസ്സിലേക്കും സന്തോഷത്തിന് അവകാശമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ജനങ്ങളുടെ സന്തോഷം ഒരു പ്രമേയരൂപേണ തിരുസന്നിധിയിൽ ഉണർത്തിക്കുന്നത് അവസരോചിതമായിരിക്കും. ഇവിടെ അവതരിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന പ്രമേയം പാസാക്കുന്നതിൽ എൻെറ നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിലുള്ള ജനങ്ങളുടെ ഹൃദയംഗമമായ താല്പര്യം പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വിരമിക്കുന്നു.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): As a member of this House, and representing the capital of the State, I have very great pleasure in associating myself with this motion before the House. Sir, a very great honour has been conferred upon you while you are discharging the duties as the Dewan of Travancore and while you are discharging the duties as the President of this House. And I would consider that this honour is exclusively ours. I think the people of Travancore will be jealous if any outsider is to share this honour. Even the Madras City cannot share this honour. This honour has

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been given for the work you have done for Travancore. And we are especially proud that this honour of K. C. S. I. has been bestowed on you for your work in Travancore.

I would in this connection just refer to a discordant note struck in one of the papers in Madras. They raised a doubt.

President: Order, order. We are not going to be worried about what the papers in Madras say.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Sir, what I want to say is that the views expressed in this House about this is a definite answer to what that paper has said. Sir, this title has been conferred upon you not for your brilliant qualities of head and heart or for your abilities as a Statesman but for your ceaseless efforts to better the condition of the people of the State. Sir, I would say that all your actions have been based upon this pervading motive, that is, to do good to the people of the State. Sir, the first thing that you did soon after you took up the administration of the country was the promulgation of the famous Temple Entry Proclamation. It has liberated a vast majority of the people of Travancore from the shackles of meaningless ancient custom. It has wiped out from the history of the country the chapter of social slavery for all time to come.

The next beneficent act of yours is the control of foodstuffs at a time when due to war the prices of articles of daily necessity showed a tendency to rise abnormally. Sir, by your prompt action you have saved many people from utter indigence and penury.

Now with regard to the distress caused to labourers in Coir Factories, Sir, you have taken care to get orders from outside to better the industry which would have extinguished itself due to the present war, and thus relieved unemployed labourers. These actions of yours show not only the brilliant qualities of a Statesman but more your goodness of heart for which, I think, His Imperial Majesty have conferred this rare distinction on you. Sir, you may rest assured that the people of this State will cherish the blessings that you have conferred on them even after you lay down the reins of office as Dewan. And I also wish that in your after life when you have to leave back all your possessions in this world, the good that you have done for Travancore will follow you to be recorded on the credit side in the account book of Chitra Gupta.

President: It is now ten minutes to 12. I hope that honourable members will concur with me and finish their remarks by 12 O' clock.

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Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industry South*): Sir, I also support the motion heartily. We are very proud to see that this honour has been conferred upon you. I wish and pray that long life be spared for you to be the President of this House for more years to come and to enable you to do the best for the people of this State.

Mr. James Fletcher: Sir, I have very great pleasure in supporting this motion. The conferment of this title was made for the very meritorious services that you rendered while you were with the Government of Madras and with the Government of India. Then after coming over to Travancore you did not rest on your laurels. Useful and beneficent works were carried out by you in this State. For example, the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme and the Ceramic Factory are standing monuments of your administration of the State. There are also other schemes of yours which are sure to go a great way in bettering the State in many directions. Now we find that Travancore has risen to a very high level, so much so, Travancoreans are now more self confident to rank themselves with the people of any other advanced State.

Sir, there was a time when a few Travancoreans could not see eye to eye with you. Now the situation has completely changed and the minds of the whole populace are one with you in all your undertakings and all are happy that this title has been conferred upon you. Travancore history will record the period of your administration as one of the brightest periods of Travancore. We all pray to the Almighty that you may be spared to serve the State for long years to come.

Miss Thresia Kora (*Thodupuzha* cum *Meenachil*): I wholeheartedly support the motion before the House. The Knighthood recently conferred upon our President is really an epitome of his heroic and far reaching achievements both here and in British India. He is indeed a star whose brilliance increases as years roll on. The monster of untouchability who roamed about freely and fearlessly in British India has indeed received a mortal wound when the Temple Entry Proclamation was issued in Travancore. It was really no wonder that our beloved Maharaja has chosen such a trusted and able administrator as his Dewan.

Mr. Thomas Chandy Mukkadan: സർ, എന്റെ ബഹു മാന്യപ്പെട്ട മുൻഗാമികളുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തോട് യോജിക്കുന്നതിനോട് കൂടി ചക്രവർത്തിതിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ട് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മനോഭാവം എന്താണെന്ന എന്റെ ബുദ്ധിയിൽ തോന്നുന്നത്

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പ്രസ്പഷ്ടമാക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നത്. അനേകം ദിവാൻജിമാർ ഈ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ ഭരണമേധാവികളായി വന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും അവരിൽ ചിലക്ക് ഭരണസംബന്ധമായ സാമർത്ഥ്യം പ്രകടിപ്പിക്കാനുള്ള അവസരം ഏറ്റവും പ്രായോഗികമാക്കിത്തീർക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിലും, സർവപ്രധാനമായി സകലരുടേയും ആരാധനാമൂർത്തിയാകത്തക്ക ഒരു മഹാപുരുഷൻ ഇവിടത്തെ ദിവാൻജിയായി വരികയെന്നുള്ളതു്. അങ്ങേക്ക മുൻപ് ഇവിടെ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല എന്നു തീർത്തുപറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. തൊഴിലാളികളുടെ മിത്രമായി, കർഷകരുടെ ബന്ധുവായി, വ്യവസായികളുടെ അനുഗ്രഹത്തിനു നിദാനമായി, നിയമജ്ഞന്മാരുടെ ആദർശപുരുഷനായി അങ്ങയപ്പോലെയുള്ള ഒരു ദിവാൻജി ഇതിനുമുൻപു ഇവിടെ ഭരിക്കാൻ ഭാഗ്യമുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

ഏതൊരു രാജ്യത്തിന്റെയും അതിലെ സമുദായങ്ങളുടെയും, ഏതൊരു കരയുടേയും അതിലെ ജനവിഭാഗങ്ങളുടേയും ആദർശത്തിനു സമ്മൃക്കാംവണ്ണം യോജിച്ചുനിന്നു അവക്ക് ആവശ്യമായിരിക്കുന്ന ഉൽകർഷത്തെ പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള അങ്ങയുടെ നാനാമുഖമായ യോഗ്യതകളെ പരിഗണിച്ചിട്ടല്ല, അങ്ങയെപ്പോലെ മഹാനായ ഒരാളുടെ, പൊതുനന്മയെ രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ പുരോഗമിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള യോഗ്യതയെ ഉദ്ദേശിച്ചിട്ടല്ല, ഒരു സാമ്രാജ്യത്തെ ഭരിക്കാനുള്ള അങ്ങയുടെ ശേഷിയെ ആസ്പദമാക്കിയല്ല, ലോകം ഒട്ടാകെ ആദരണീയമായ ഭരണപരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളെ സംജാതമാക്കാൻ അങ്ങേക്കുള്ള ധിഷ്ണാശക്തിയെ പരിഗണിച്ചിട്ടല്ല, അങ്ങേക്ക ഈ ബഹുമതി നൽകിയതു്. നേരെമറിച്ചു് ഒരു ദിവസംകൊണ്ടോ, ഒരു മണിക്കൂർകൊണ്ടോ, ൫ ൦ ൦ ൦ രൂപ സമ്പാദിക്കാൻ കഴിയുന്ന ഒരു മഹാപുരുഷൻ അതിനെ ത്യാഗബുദ്ധ്യാ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ട് അഖിലലോകത്തിനും ആദർശപുരുഷനായിരിക്കുന്ന മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ആദർശങ്ങളെ ശിരസ്സാവഹിച്ചു്, ഈ ചെറുരാജ്യത്തെ സേവിക്കാനുള്ള സന്മനസ്സു പ്രദർശിപ്പിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടത്രെ ചക്രവത്തിതിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു ഈ സ്ഥാനം അങ്ങേക്കു നൽകിയതെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ബുദ്ധിയിൽ തോന്നുന്നതു്. മഹാന്മാർ കീഴ്പ്പോട്ടിറങ്ങി സാമാന്യജനങ്ങളെ സേവനം ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്റെ പ്രതിഫലമായിട്ടാണു ചക്രവത്തി തിരുമനസ്സുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ സ്ഥാനം കല്പിച്ചു നിശ്ചയിച്ചതു. അപൂർവമായിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ സ്ഥാനം, അവിടത്തെ മഹാത്യാഹത്തിന്റെ സ്മരണയ്ക്കായിട്ടുള്ള ഈ സ്ഥാനം, ഇവിടത്തെ സർവ്വ ബഹുജനങ്ങൾക്കും ആഹ്ലാദമുണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വസ്തുതയെ അവരുടെ പേരിൽ പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വിരമിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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Mr. T. W. U. Park (*Travancore Planters*): Sir, apart from my personal congratulations to you as a member of this House, I offer my warmest felicitations on the conferment of the title of K. C. S.I. on behalf of the planting community in Travancore.

President: In addressing my honourable colleagues of this House I must own to a feeling of embarassment because of the far too kind series of personal references, which make it very difficult for me to reply, with that sense of proportion and perspective without which this function is bound to degenerate into a mutual admiration society. As I stated elsewhere and as I continue to think, I regard this particular distinction not so much as one that has come to me for any work for which I may have been responsible outside this State, either in Madras or in Delhi, but really as a recognition of the place of Travancore among the States of India and as a recognition of the place of Indian States in the polity of India. I would support my argument by pointing out that the last title that came to me, that of the Knight Commandership of the Indian Empire, was conferred on me after I had initiated the schemes with which my name is usually associated in Madras, namely, Mettur, Pykara, Vizagapattam Harbour, the Bhavani Project and the Cochin Harbour discussions. And I was for too short a time in the Government of India to merit any particular recognition. In the Round Table Conference the joint Parliamentary Committee and in the discussions relating to the Federation it was not always given to me to see eye to eye with the Government of India but, of course, English statesmen are very tolerant of opposition. I make bold to say that His Majesty the King Emperor, has been advised by his trusted Agent the Viceroy, to recognise such work as has fallen to my lot, which has been transacted in and for Travancore and for the greater glory of His Highness the Maharaja. It is in that capacity that I regard this particular conferment. I am glad of it. I am glad for this reason that until His Highness came to the Throne and until he made it his life's ambition to make Travancore a great and effective factor in the life of the country, Travancore was not prominently on the Indian map or in the limelight. It is the work, the inspiration and the stimulus of His Highness which has transformed Travancore from a far-off place to which access was difficult, both physically and psychologically into a place which counts for something in the Councils of India. And it is as the Agent of His Highness, as one to whom it has been given to translate his ideas and ideals into practice, that I regard this distinction as a recognition by His Majesty and his trusted adviser, the Viceroy, of the work that an Indian State can do and may be able to do for the furtherance of the progress of the country at large. I have heard it talked of as some act of condescension on the part

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of myself or somebody else to come and work in a small State. I repel that idea with all the vigour that I can summon. I have never been tired of saying that, however restricted the circumference of a country may be, what matters so far as the country is concerned is the possibility of its natural resources, not only the resources of a bountiful Providence, but the resources of an intelligent, enthusiastic and patriotic race that inhabits it. Travancore need not be ashamed either of its natural possibilities or of the qualifications and the possibilities of its inhabitants. All that is needed in Travancore is a little more practical business acumen and vision, a little more appreciation of the need to make Travancore industrially and commercially more self-sufficient and more reliant; and provided our people work together and co-operate for this purpose and with this object in view there is nothing to which Travancore may not aspire and one of the most prominent places in India among the States may well be Travancore's portion. To achieve that end, what is needed is help from above—the Grace of the Almighty. Secondly the focal inspiration of a wise and courageous Ruler. That we have. What is then needed is the conjoint, patriotic drive of the inhabitants who will sink all differences and work for the common and laudable object. That object, I hope will soon be a *fait accompli*. Signs are not wanting to show that there is emerging amongst our people much greater harmony and comradeship than in the immediate past. May they grow from more to more! My function and my lot has been and will be to translate the ideals of His Highness into fruition, stimulated and assisted by the devoted labours, the determination and resolve of a united people. I do not propose to dwell much on the personal aspects of this matter. I shall conclude by thanking from the bottom of my heart the members of this House who have done me signal honour.

The motion was then put, and carried *nemine Contradecente*.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 17,900—under Demand VIII H. Census Rs. 11,900—for remuneration to Enumerators and Supervisors and Rs. 6,000—for allowance to Investigators. It was not possible at the time when the amount that was required under this item was budgetted, to determine exactly the actual sum that would be required under this head, because instructions from the Census Commissioner for India had not then been received with regard to the mode of taking the Census this year. Last time in 1931, Travancore was divided into arbitrary blocks, 30 houses for the rural areas and 50 for the urban areas and it was possible to complete the Preliminary Enumeration with a smaller number of Enumerators and Supervisors. This time we have to count 13 lakhs as against 10

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